TAIL-PIECES by the Alley Cat

WORLD sales of current **George Harrison** LP could surpass any **Beatles** album . . . No. 1 battle between **Paul McCartney's** new single and **T. Rex** forecast by NME's **Nick Logan** — but don't discount **Mungo Jerry** . . . British chart-toppers overseas include **Dave Edmunds** "I Hear You Knocking" (Sweden, South Africa), **Christie** "San Bernadino" (Malaysia), **Jimi Hendrix** "Vodoo Chile" (Poland), **Elton John** "Your Song" (Canada), **Gilbert O'Sullivan** "Nothing Rhymed" (Holland), **Matthews Southern Comfort** "Woodstock" (Norway) and **George Harrison** "My Sweet Lord" (Australia, Mexico, Singapore, Switzerland) . . . .

Acting roles for **Bachelors** in BBC-TV comedy series . . . Another **Mitch Murray-Peter Callander** composition for next **Tony Christie** single . . . MP **Jeffrey Archer** keen to present **Elvis Presley** here?

TV series planned for **Susan George** and fiance-singer-guitarist **Benny Thomas** — former member of **Toomorrow** . . . Big U.S. hit for **Mixtures** tipped . . . TV set stolen from **Chris Denning's** Weybridge home . . .

If you didn't know, **Linda** and **Paul McCartney** awaiting happy event . . . Planned by **Harold Fielding**: London stage season for **Tommy Steele** this summer.

Doesn't **Clodagh Rodgers'** singing sound like **Petula Clark** combined with **Vera Lynn?** . . .

Divorced: **Burl Ives.** . . . In Miami cabaret, **Diana Ross** duetted with **Cassius Clay.** . . . Illness prevented **Glen Campbell** competing in **Bob Hope's** Palm Springs golf tournament.

Trisha Noble now co-starring with **Tessie O'Shea** in Las Vegas revue. . . . **Joe Cocker's** former backing group **Grease Band** have waxed first LP. . . . **Peter Walsh's** wife seeking divorce.

In Britain, **Ray Williams** will organise **Al Bennett's** Cream label. . . . Offer to write **Petula Clark** original songs declined by **Joe South.** . . . In Japan, was **John Lennon** pleased to meet **Yoko Ono's** relatives?

U.S. country singer **Ferlin Husky** publisher of previous **Engelbert Humperdinck** hit and next **Elvis Presley** single, "There Goes My Everything" . . . **Barbra Streisand's** next LP includes **Randy Newman's** "I'll Be Home" and **Nilsson's** "Maybe" . . . How about **T. Rex's** hit retitled by **Jimmy Young:** "Roast A White Swan"? . . . .

During April, **Tom Jones** opposed to **Petula Clark** in Miami cabaret. . . . Doesn't **Clodagh Rodgers** also resemble **Vera Lynn?** . . . Good entertainment: composers **Roger Greenaway** and **Roger Cook** singing their hits on **Cilla Black's** BBC-TV show . . .

Co-produced with **Phil Spector,** "What Is Life" **George Harrison's** latest U.S. single. . . . **James Murray** (son of d-j **Pete Murray**) a promising actor. . . . Manager **Seymour Heller** refused permission for **Monte Fresco** to photograph **Liberace** in hot pants!

Handling exploitation for **Gordon Mills** — Tom Jones Valley Music — **David Watkins,** co-writer of **Andy Williams'** "It's So Easy". . . . Next year, **Frankie Valli** and the **Four Seasons** may settle here.

Latest **Ray Davies** hobby: tricycle riding. . . . .

Howard Kaylan and **Mark Volman** (singers with **Mothers Of Invention**) guest voices on new **T. Rex** single, "Hot Love".

Househunting in Hampstead: **John Evan,** organist-pianist with **Jethro Tull.** . . . "One More Time" **Johnnie Stewart's** next BBC-TV series. . . . .

Hank Marvin divorced.

Don't invite **Paul McCartney** and **Apple's Terry Doran** to same party.

Carole Sherrington (elder sister of **Mary Hopkin**) has acting ambitions.

Hit writer **Bill Martin** critical of Britain's Eurovision songs.

Why didn't **New World** play "Rose Garden" on **Bob Monkhouse's** "Golden Shot"? . . . At Dagenham, **Keith Moon** surprise guest with **Viv Stanshall-Neil Innes** new group **Freaks** . . .

Radio One show for **Tony Prince** overdue? . . . **Mixtures** couldn't last pace to overtake **George Harrison** at No. 1 . . . **Beth Wood** new vocalist with **Principal Edwards Magic Theatre** — replacing **Vivianne McAuliffe.** . . .

This week, **Sacha Distel** recording here under **Norrie Paramor's** direction. . . . New British group **Head, Hands** and **Feet** greatly admired by **Frankie Valli.** . . . Does current hit de-light **Dana?!** . . .

Declined by **Liberace** — guest appearance in **Val Doonican's** ATV series . . . Pye release **Gene Pitney's** future records . . . Dedicated to **Tony Blackburn's** jokes, he could retitle **Byrds'** "Chestnut Nightmare" . . . .

On Radio 1, **Liberace** interviewed by **Pete Murray** next Tuesday . . . Current **Lynn Anderson** hit penned by singer **Joe South** . . . On behalf of **Tom Jones** and **Engelbert Humperdinck,** Tesco sued by MAM's **Michael Ballin** . . . .

Burt Bacharach and **Hal David's** first combined British hit was **Perry Como's** "Magic Moments" . . . His version of **George Harrison's** "My Sweet Lord" on **Andy Williams'** next LP. . . . Who said **Dana's** latest is quite a switch? . . .

For JETHRO TULL's "Benefit" and yours . . . that irrepressible star of the printed page JULIE EGE pictured with the group on Friday on the balcony of the Dorchester's Penthouse Suite. The shorts-clad Miss Ege was at the reception to present Jethro with a Gold Disc, awarded by their American record company, Warner Reprise, for one million dollars worth of sales on their "Benefit" LP. The new Tull album, "Aqualung," is due for release next month, and the group's British tour opens at Kilburn this weekend. Jethro (l to r), back row, are MARTIN BARRE, JEFFREY HAMMOND-HAMMOND, meeting the British Press for the first time since joining the group, and CLIVE BUNKER. JOHN EVAN and IAN ANDERSON are on either side of Julie Ege. After the reception Ian almost went off without the award, but remembered just in time to take it home to its resting place — on the wall of his toilet!

ED STEWART celebrates his third anniversary as compere of "Junior Choice", BBC Radio's second biggest request show with 14 million listeners. Waiting to eat some of the cake on the roof of his Triumph Stag 'birthday' present to himself are six children from the Save The Children Fund, who presented the cake.

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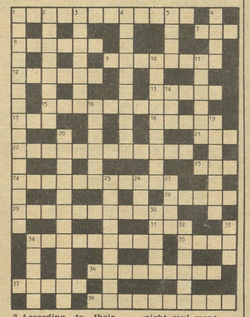

ACROSS
1 Criticised as a pinch from Mungo Jerry (8, 4)
7 and 12 Late country music star
8 Children's character immortalised in current song
9 Tamla group, made the original "Do You Love Me"
12 See 7
13 Recently honoured as one of 1970's Ten Outstanding Young Men of America
15 Who's bassist
17 Mr Dudgeon the record producer
18 Alias Walker
21 "Apeman" writer
22 His current hit is a Paul Ryan song (5, 7)
23 Record — and film — label (abb.)
24 Replaced Mick Abrahams (6, 5)
28 Without it, you would have an instrumental!
29 Member of Mad Dogs, currently touring here with own band (4, 7)
31 Some play by it!
34 Early 60's pop singer now film producer, did "Myra Breckenridge" (4, 5)
35 Neil Young U.S. single, or destination of the Express
36 Chris Farlowe is their vocalist
37 and 26 down Had 1969 No 1 with "Dizzy"
38 Wood working Canadian group!

DOWN:
1 U.S. group, sounds interesting species for ornithologist (9, 6)
2 According to their name, the finest of any vocal group
3 One time Floyd now records solo
4 Clodagh carries the flag this time-in!
5 One time Velvet Underground song: stress, recently visited England
6 Won't be found in the chart
10 Box Tops hit, retreated by Joe Cocker (3, 6)
11 One of Paul Revere's backing men
14 Chip the Tremeloe
16 Harold, or the midnight soul man!
19 TV comedy show (5, 2)
20 A solo Beatle hit (7, 5)
25 Early 60's Latin-originated dance craze (5, 4)
26 See 37 across
27 Jazz songstress
30 Yorkshire town where one of 1970's top albums was recorded
32 Joined current group from Band of Joy
33 As Chocolate is on the music scene!
34 Currently teamed with Elliott

Answers next week and here is last week's solution

ACROSS: 1 "Apeman"; 3 Pink Floyd; 8 Art Garfunkel; 10 Rod (Stewart); 11 Ian Anderson; 13 Move; 15 "Only The Lonely"; 17 Don (Everly); 18 Randy Newman; 20 Perry (Como); 21 "You Got Soul"; 22 Aaron; 23 Buddah; 24 Linda (McCartney); 25 Trogg; 27 "Urban (Spaceman)"; 29 Grace (Slick); 31 Ellis; 32 (Keef) Hartley; 33 "Mother"; 34 "Spaceman."

DOWN: 1 "Amazing Grace"; 2 Elton John; 4 (Allen) Klein; 5 "Our World"; 6 Dudley (Moore); 7 "After The Goldrush"; 9 Aynley Dunbar; 12 Steam; 14 UNI; 16 "Your Song"; 19 "Atom Heart (Mother)"; 20 (Robert) Plant; 21 (Neil) Young; 24 Lyceum; 26 Rory (Gallagher); 28 (Country Joe And The) Fish; 29 Gene (Pitney); 30 (The) Clan.

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BACHELORS, NEW REVUE MAKE UP SUPER EVENING

IT was a big night at the Talk Of The Town on Thursday last. The Bachelors made their debut there — and scored a resounding success, as they do everywhere — and the new Robert Nesbitt revue, "Tonight's The Night," opened, again to great acclaim.

The Bachelors proved that they can sing anything well. Anyone who thinks that "Goin' Outta My Head" and "Aquarius" are beyond them should hear their soulful, rocking versions. They are as at home with that number as "Mame," "I Believe," "Danny Boy," or the comedy "Mick Mulligan's Ball." They sang for a good half hour before they even said "Good evening" and took a break.

Their repertoire is so varied you might think they add up to nothing. Wrong again. They skilfully weave their material into a very satisfying whole and got more applause than I've heard at the Talk for a long time. One of the most successful acts to appear there, I'd say. They stay a month.

They have a chance to prove themselves in solos — Dec with "Both Sides Now," John with "What A Wonderful World" and Con with "My Way."

Due to run for a year, the new revue, in which producer Nesbitt excels himself, has all the glitter and glamour you come to expect at the Talk, plus a large number of songs from the '20s, '30s and up to today. The star of the show is newcomer Diana Landor and very good she is, specially singing "Right Now" and "You Go To My Head." Bobby Hanna scores with "Begin The Beguine," and others in the large cast to do well are dancer Lyndsey Williams; singers Sandra Blair, Lorainne Hart, Tina Harris and Robert Wilder. The Burt Rhodes orchestra also does two very good jobs of accompanying the Bachelors and the show. — **ANDY GRAY.**

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ELTON DATES and TV

ROOSTER LEAP 11 PLACES

AFTER a few preliminary scratchings and changes in personnel the Atomic Rooster has finally crowed its way into the upper regions of the NME chart with "Tomorrow Night" — a record which was released as long ago as last September.

Hatched from the psychedelic remnants of the Crazy World of Arthur Brown, the Rooster features Vincent Crane, in his Phantom of the Opera guise, on organ; guitarist and lead vocalist John Cann and eighteen-year-old Paul Hammond who has the distinction of playing the biggest double bass drum kit yet made.

With their single now moving in an upward direction it seems quite possible that their current B and C album "Death Walks Behind You" will emulate the success of "Tomorrow Night."

ATOMIC ROOSTER (left to right) VINCE CRANE, PAUL HAMMOND and JOHN CANN

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PURPLE'S JON LORD IN DEPTH

Beatles demise

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